REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendments, Claims 4-25 are currently pending in this

application.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Sheffield, U.S. Patent No. 6,603,966 in view of Cook et al., U.S. Patent No.

6,005,884. Claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 4-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,

claim 1. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claim 4 was

previously dependent on claim 1 and thus already contained all of the limitations of

claim 1, no new limitations have been added by this amendment. Claims 5-7 have

been amended to update their dependence from claim 1 to claim 4. The withdrawal

of the objection to the claims 4-7 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 4-7 contain subject

matter that would be allowable if properly rewritten, and that claims 8-25 contain

allowable subject matter.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be

addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a

telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the

Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully

submit that the present application, including claims 4-25, is in condition for

allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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